

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Luncheon Program

**Captain Michael Watson** is President of the American Pilots' Association. He is also Vice President of the International Maritime Pilots' Association. He began his maritime career with the Military Sealift Command supplying troops during the Vietnam conflict. He then sailed with Farrell Lines, where he rose to Chief Officer. He next joined the Association of Maryland Pilots serving in succession as Marine Superintendent, Secretary and President before being elected to his present position. Among Captain Watson's recognitions are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commander's Award for Public Service and Baltimore's Port Leader of the Year Award for 1988. The U.S. Coast Guard presented him a Certificate of Merit in recognition of notable services rendered. His professional license is Master of Steam and Motor Vessels and he is licensed as a First Class Pilot for the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. He will speak on "The History and Role of the American Pilots' Association".

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**James Delgado** is Executive Director of the Vancouver Maritime Museum. He is an internationally recognized underwater archaeologist. He has worked on shipwrecks including USS *Arizona*, the polar exploration ship *Maud* in the Canadian Arctic and the sunken fleet of the 1946 Bikini atomic bomb tests. He served as project historian for the USS *Monitor* project and was the first maritime archaeologist to dive to the wreck of the *Titanic*. Mr. Delgado has spoken at conferences, meetings and as an invited speaker throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Mexico and Australia. He has appeared in many television documentaries and programs and is the author of some 30 books and numerous articles. He is host of National Geographic International's television series, "The Sea Hunters". He was named the 2003 Naval History Author of the Year by the U.S. Naval Institute, and is a past president of the Council of American Maritime Museums. His topic will be "The Union Submarine *Explorer*".

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Luncheon Program

**Peter Stanford** is President Emeritus of the National Maritime Historical Society. Before coming to the Society in 1970, he was the founding president of South Street Seaport Museum in New York City. In his 31 years at the helm of the Society he established its magazine *Sea History* and led a series of successful historic ship-saving efforts. He also founded the Society's Maritime Education Initiative. He has received awards from the National Park Service Foundation, and from the Municipal Art Society, the Parks Council and the Port Promotion Association of New York. Mr. Stanford has been honored with the Bowditch Award from the American Merchant Marine Museum at Kings Point and was awarded a DLitt. degree from the State University Maritime College at Fort Schuyler. He is the author of some 50 magazine articles and a number of museum monographs. He is currently serving as chairman of the American Ship Trust. His subject will be "American Achievements by Sea".

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Conference Banquet

**Nathaniel Philbrick** is Founding Director of the Egan Institute of Maritime Studies and a research fellow at the Nantucket Historical Association. He will be speaking to us on his most recent book *Sea of Glory: America's Voyage of Discovery – The U.S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842*, winner of the 2003 Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt Navy History Prize. Mr. Philbrick's previous book, *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*, won the 2000 National Book Award for nonfiction. A former intercollegiate All-American sailor and North American Sunfish champion, he has also written extensively about competitive sailing and the history of his adopted home, Nantucket Island. He is currently working on a new book about the voyage of the *Mayflower* and the settlement of Plymouth Colony.